

THE COMMERCIAL-COURIER

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THE COMMERCIAL
COURIER.A Short Notice of the Paper
Its Great Trade Edition;
Its Editors and
Mechanics.

With this issue we hand our readers the Great Trade Edition of 1899.

You will pardon our seeming egotism in saying, that during the past few years the Commercial-Courier has fast forged to the front as an up-to-date newspaper, and it is with much pride that we

the exception of a month or so this summer, while outing at Monteagle, during which time his place was filled by Mr. L. P. Head. Mr. Eminisor is a natural printer, well up in his trade as the construction of ads etc in this issue will certify.

The next is Mr. E. H. Badger, who is not only a compositor, but a writer of considerable note. A number of our readers have read many of his productions under the nom de plume, "Jonas Jutton." To him is due much credit for this splendid edition, as the bulk of the soliciting and writing fell to his lot. Mr. Badger is also correspondent for several dailies.

The last, but by no means least, is Mr. Ed F. McGaugh, deaf mute, who learned the printing trade early in life, and has worked in many large offices throughout the States. He has rendered us some valuable service in getting out the Trade Edition. Several other floating compositors were also called into service from time to time.

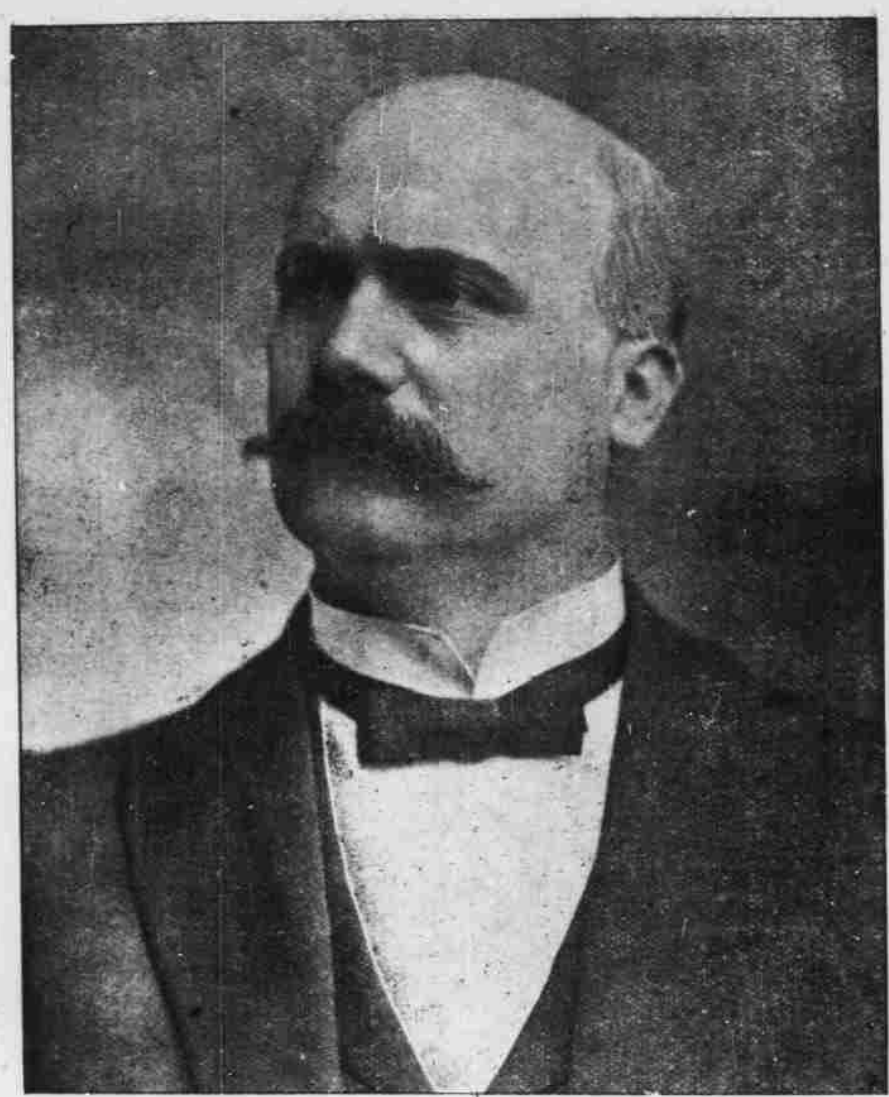
This edition, in point of magni-

the cane-brakes, which were their usual resort. The county was a favorite hunting-ground of Davy Crockett, who traversed it many times, and it is said on one occasion killed six bears in one day.

Indian corn, before the erection of mills was ground, or rather crushed into meal by means of a mortar and pestle. The mortar was usually formed by hollowing out a stump. A large pestle of hard wood was then attached to one end of a pole working over a support, so that when forced down it would enter the mortar. A weight was then attached to the other end of the pole sufficient to raise the pestle. By this means a very coarse meal was made, but it was an exceedingly slow and laborious process. A man living on the lake bluffs, more ingenious than his neighbors, constructed a mill of this character to be run by water power. It was so arranged that a trough was placed upon the end of the pole opposite the pestle, and a stream of water from a spring conducted into it. As the trough filled, the pestle was raised, but when a certain amount of water had entered, it emptied itself automatically, and the pestle fell. This mill became very popular, and received patronage for miles around. Horse mills, however, were soon after erected. The first was probably built by Wyatt Bettis, who lived in what is now the Fifth Civil District. Another was erected in 1823 by Col. Wilson. The first water-mill

visions were also made for the laying out of various public roads. The first court-house was a round log structure, 18x20 feet, with one window and one door, erected in Troy in 1825 by William B. Hutchinson. In 1889, by a vote of the people,

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst our beloved Nora; one so young in years, yet so ripe in Christian experience; therefore,
Resolved—That in her death, we



ELDER T. A. REYNOLDS, PASTOR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

THE DAILY COM-
MERCIAL-COURIER.

It is our intention to resume the publication of the Daily about October 1st. But in the meantime, our representatives will canvas the city carefully, and the result of this canvas will decide whether or not Union City will have a daily; and we hope our representatives will get such encouragement from our citizens in the way of subscriptions that it will guarantee the Daily's success.

We expect to make it larger and more interesting than ever before. Every one remembers what a source of pleasure and comfort the little Daily was last winter, and if we resume its publication we will make it better than ever.

The Daily had many close friends before its suspension, and we believe they will again rally to its support. Nothing adds more life and vim to our town than the Daily, and we hope to resume its publication under more favorable circumstances than before. We have just added a new gasoline engine to propel our printing presses, and our office is replete with material suitable for a daily. Shall we have it? We say we will. Let the people rally to our support and we will have a daily to push along the interests of the best town in the State.

GREER & HAGUEWOOD.

On our last page appears the advertisement of Messrs. Greer & Haguewood, it is the largest display ad in this Mammoth Edition and as large an ad as ever appeared in a Union City paper. The enterprise herein displayed by these gen-

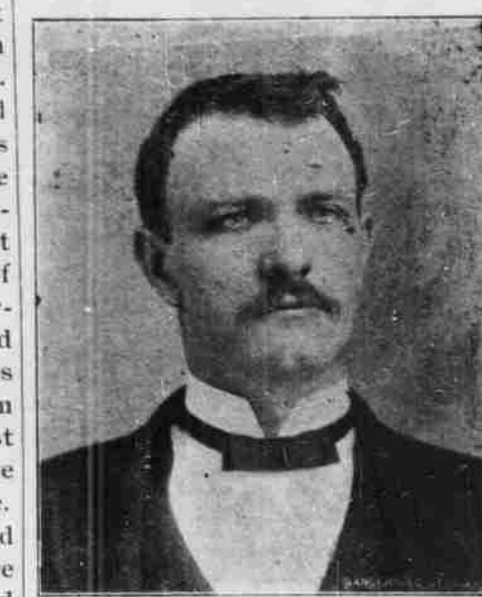
W. S. CRITTENDON.

On the corner of First street and Washington avenue is located a handsome two-story brick building of W. S. Crittendon, the hustling Union City grocer, and caterer to those who are connoisseurs in all that is the nicest and best in the staple and fancy grocery line. There is nothing too good for Crittendon's customers, and nothing sorry no matter how cheap that he will palm off on his customers. Mr. Crittendon has been in the grocery business about a decade, and his constantly growing business is proof positive that he has dealt fairly with his patrons giving them value received for their money. With Crittendon 16oz is a pound and 4lbs a bushel and he never bites a cracker in twain to make the scales balance evenly. Mr. Crittendon is not only one of our most successful merchants but one of best citizens, ever interested in anything that is for the benefit and advancement of Union City and its people. He is a benefit to the town not a croaker, and those who invest their money with him will be sure to get the best at the lowest price. Marvin Blanton is bookkeeper and head clerk, and his assistant are Hunter Elam and C. Kirkland and their polite courteous services draw many customers to this popular Union City grocery.

Since the above was put in type Mr. W. M. Waterfield, an old Union City boy, who has been in Nashville the past four months, has purchased an interest in the above business, the firm name of which has not yet been decided upon.

THE RIVES GRADED SCHOOL

Realizing the importance of a good school in their midst, the citizens of Rives, in 1894 erected an elegant school building of two rooms, and elected Prof. W. H. Cook, of Hickman, Ky., principal, who has been at the head of the school ever since, and through his energy and perseverance, aided by the hearty co-operation of the citizens, the school has grown in interest, numbers and efficiency, until it now has the fullest attendance in its history. Since the beginning of the



W. H. COOK.

present term (August 28) fifteen students have enrolled from other districts, in order to secure the advantages the school affords.

Strict discipline and thoroughness of instruction have been the underlying principles of the school since its beginning, and on these, as



W. R. ANDREWS, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER, COMMERCIAL COURIER.

hand you this edition.

The editor of this paper was the founder of the Union City Commercial, and also the West Tennessee Courier, and consolidated the two in 1897; the paper now being in its tenth year.

The Commercial Courier has ever looked after the interest of Union City and Obion County, and expects to keep up a good fight for what we take to be for the best interests of the public.

We are glad in this notice of the paper to call the attention of the public to our associates in its publication:

Claude V. Andrews, eldest son of the editor, is nineteen years of age and has been connected with

tude, has far excelled our fondest expectations; with but few exceptions, our business men have rallied to our assistance. We believe this, the great Trade Edition of the Commercial-Courier, of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, will prove of great advantage to every business and every citizen.

We have been to a great deal of expense and labor in making the publication so creditable, but feel repaid in the great good, we believe, will come to the city and county from such a paper.

In conclusion we desire to thank one and all of our business men and other citizens for their liberal patronage in this great undertaking.

OBION COUNTY.

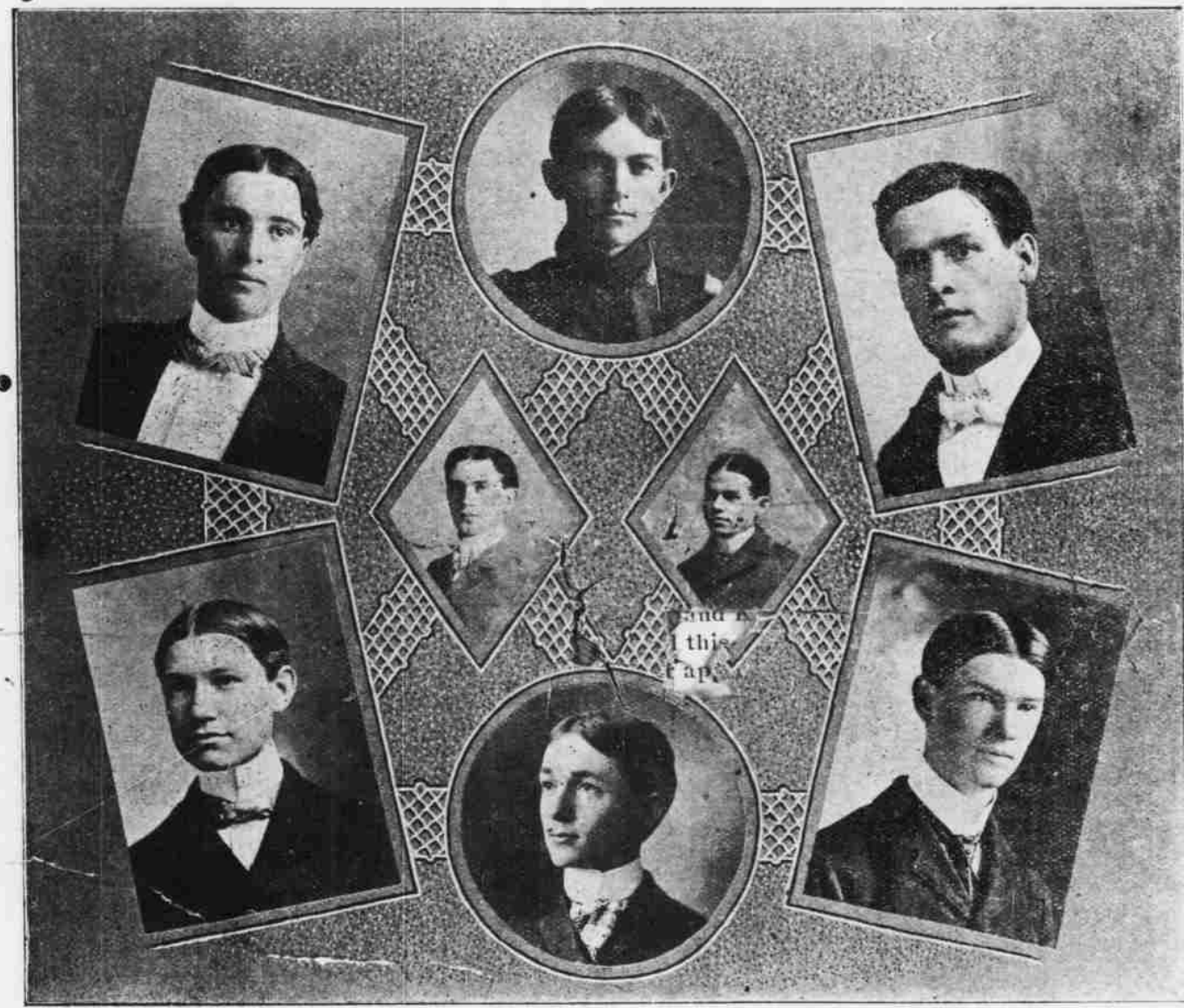
Obion County is situated in the north western portion of West Tennessee. It is bounded on the North by Fulton County, Ky., East by Weakley County, South by Gibson and Dyer Counties and West by Lake County. It is one of the richest counties in the State and contains an area of 560 square miles, about 36 of which are covered by Reelfoot Lake, the largest body of water in Tennessee. The surface of the county is varied, about one-third being hilly and broken, and two-thirds being undulating and level. The soil is chiefly a black loam, more or less mixed with siliceous matter, and resting upon a subsoil of red or whitish clay. No building stone is found in the county, except a kind of sandstone found on the banks of Mill Creek, and perhaps in a few other localities. The county is well supplied with running water. The principal streams are Obion and Reelfoot rivers, East and West Davidson, Mill, Big and Little Clover, Harris, Fish, Deer, Cypress, Indian, Parapan, Grassy, Dillard, Luck, Big and Little Richland, Grove, Houser, Reelfoot and Cane Creeks.

The most wonderful natural feature of the county is Reelfoot Lake, which was formed by an earthquake in 1811. Previous to the settlement of the county it was covered with a heavy growth of walnut, oak, poplar, cypress, hickory, maple, elm and other varieties of trees, many of immense size, and while much has now been cut, large amounts of the best timber still awaits the lumbermen.

All farm products can be successfully raised in Obion County, but the leading staples are tobacco, wheat, corn and cotton.

The first white settlement within the present bounds of Obion County was made in 1819 by Elisha Parker, in the north-east part of the county.

During the first few years the settlers depended mainly upon wild game for their meat, and Indian corn for their bread. Deer were very plentiful, and bears were found in great numbers in



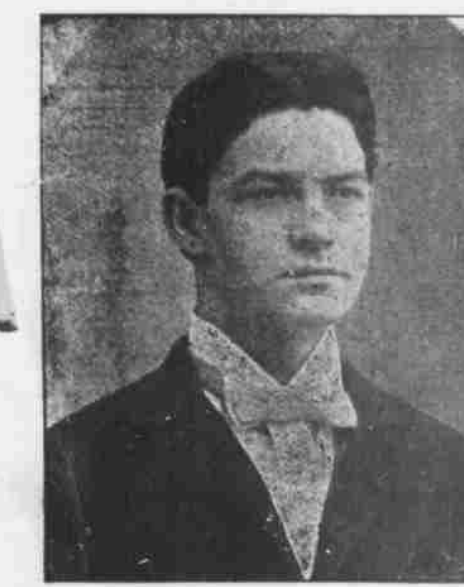
CHARLEY JOHNSON. JOHN BELL. HENRY HASSLER.
LUTHER LITTLE. CLAUDE MANN.
HUGHLETT JACKSON. CARMON HUGHES. CULLIE MCREE.



CLAUDE V. ANDREWS, ASST. EDITOR.

the paper about a year. He is the assistant editor; and his natural attainments, as a machinist, make him a valuable adjunct to the office in keeping engine and presses in running trim. He has promise of making a good newspaper man.

The next one we would call attention to is Master William R. Jr., who is 12 years of age, and handy around the print shop. He has been feeder for our cylinder press more than a year, and since we commenced the press work on the Trade Edition has fed through the press about fifty thousand sheets. He feels, and justly so, that this paper is not complete because his cut is not in it.



G. LESLIE EMINISOR, FOREMAN.

Third on the list is Mr. G. Leslie Eminisor, an up-to-date young printer, who has been foreman of the mechanical department of this office for more than a year, with

was built three years later by Thomas McDonald, on Davidson's Creek. It was afterwards run by James and John Blaine, and still later by Joel S. Enloe. The first cotton-gin was built and owned by John Parr, four miles northeast of Troy.

The original act establishing Obion County was passed October 24, 1823, and was entitled "an act for the establishment of a new county in the northwest part of the State." It was given the name Obion from Obion River (Obion being an Indian word, signifying "many prongs"), and until 1870 it was Lake County. It was organized on January 19, 1824, at the house of William M. Wilson, three miles southeast of Troy. The first County Court was composed of the following justices: John McKee, Seth Bedford, Joseph Taylor, George C. Davidson, Rice Williams, William M. Wilson, William Reynolds, William Wilkinson, Samuel D. Wilson Jr., John Parr and Stephen Mitchell, of whom Seth Bedford was elected chairman. An election for the county then took place, which resulted as follows: Clerk of County Court, Samuel D. Wilson, Sr.; Sheriff, Fletcher G. Edwards; Register, Asa P. Hurt; Trustee, Obadiah Roberts; Ranger, James Bedford; Surveyor, Robt. B. Harper; Coroner, John T. Abington; Constables, Josiah G. Clark, Wyatt Bettis and William McKinney. At the same time Stephen Mitchell, Rice Williams and John McKee were appointed to make out the tax lists for their respective neighborhoods. Pro-

the county seat was moved from Troy to Union City into one of the handsome temples of justice in the State, which was erected by the citizens of Union City at a cost of about \$30,000, and presented to the county.

The present county officers are,



UNION CITY FISH COMPANY AND TEN PIN ALLEY.

W. J. Caldwell, County Judge; John Bell, County Clerk; J. W. McCorkle, Circuit Clerk; C. W. Sanders, register; J. H. Whipple, Trustee; Jno. E. Finch, Sheriff. A very good picture of our handsome court-house can be seen in the back ground of one of our street views.

The Mathes-Sullivan Mill company, have a fine ad. on second cover page of this paper. This is an old mill company, with a bran new mill and elevator, that is doing a mammoth business cast your optics over their fine ad.

have lost a faithful Sunday school pupil, the church a shining light and the Christian endeavor an earnest worker.

We miss her bright face, and deeply mourn her loss. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved mother and father and to her

fellowmen is indicative of the enterprise always displayed by this firm. Nothing they attempt is done by halves, and the magnificent business they have built up in the past three years is a striking testimonial to their energy and enterprise. Each member of the firm is especially adapted to the business, both having been educated in the school of actual business where men do business on strictly business principles. They have a thorough knowledge of their business and know exactly the location of every factory in the country and what they make and how they sell them. They have ample capital to conduct their business on a strictly cash business.

And we can cheerfully say from actual knowledge that when you trade with them that you get every cent your dollar is worth.

Circuit Court convened Monday with Judge Swigart on the bench and General Lewis on hand to look after the State's interest. There are a number of very important cases on the docket, among the principal ones being the suit of B. B. Boyd against the Fox Bros. Milling Co., of Obion, for \$45,000, damage, for claiming misappropriation of funds while in their employ. Another case attracting attention is that of Mrs. Belle Carter charged with poisoning her husband, Miriam Carter, in District No. 7, several weeks ago. Hon. Rice A. Pierce, one of Tennessee's greatest criminal lawyers, is her counsel and the legal battle between her and General Lewis will be worth coming miles to see and hear. Then there is the Jim Sharp case, which will likely attract a fair-sized audience.

Jim Bransford was quite sick Wednesday with something like cramp colic.

Mrs. Janet Haydon.
Mrs. Annie Watson.
Miss Emma Walker.
Miss Laura Miles of Harris is visiting Miss Grace Curry.



W. S. CRITTENDON'S GROCERY HOUSE.

E. M. SULLIVAN.

Mr. Sullivan, whose name heads this article, is a native of Ohio, having been born in Lakeville, that State the 23rd of December, 1857. After leaving school at Gambier, Ohio, at the age of sixteen he began his trade under J. A. Stitzel, of Toledo, O., the most famous miller in the United States, who at the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876 was awarded a gold medal over all competitors of the Union. After serving three and a half years with this famous firm Mr. Sullivan traveled through all the Northern States and Canada in the interest of the most prominent mills of the North and Northwest, until 1885, when he came to Kentucky, in several principal towns of which he was engaged in the milling business until 1895, when he moved to Gallatin, Tenn., where as Superintendent of a mill, the property of the Farmers' & Traders' Bank, he continued as manager until he came to Union City in '98 and became one of the partners of the Mathes-Sullivan Milling Company, which began business some eighteen months ago, and which to-day is one of the most successful milling businesses not only in Obion County, but in the State of Tennessee. Their Rising Sun Flour is a synonym of all that is pure and best in the line of flour. Mr. Sullivan is the seller of the mill, being on the road most of the time, and when talking to a customer never pulls down his sample of Rising Sun Flour for any competitor, it matters not whom he represents nor where he is from.

Following closely on to the Trade Edition, we will publish a souvenir art supplement. The pages of this pamphlet will be about 7x10, and it will have forty pages and will contain all the best cuts of our Trade Edition. This will be printed on very fine book paper and have an elegant cover. The price will be only 10 cents. Everybody should have one.

"If I give you a quarter," said the old lady kindly, "what assurance have I that you will not immediately go off and get intoxicated?" "Madam," replied the polite tramp, "it would give me the greatest pleasure in the world to demonstrate to you that it isn't enough for the purpose."—Chicago Evening Post.

"Well, Johnny, my dear, how are you getting on with your French?" "Oh! very well, uncle. We translate very nice, sensible sentences now, such as, 'My uncle never allows my birthday to pass without giving me a present,' or 'It is certain that my uncle will give me something quite splendid this time.'"—Tit-Bits.

cornerstones, has the school reached its present success. In addition to the 8th grade, which includes Latin, is another grade consisting of English literature, General History and Plane Trigonometry, which thoroughly prepares students to enter our best colleges. The State University at Knoxville now admits graduates of the Rives School into its Freshman class without examination.

In addition to the literary department, a music hall has just been erected in the school-house grounds, thus affording a good opportunity for the study of music, to those desiring to study that art. The music department is now under the management of Miss Lillian Matthews, one of the best instructors of music in West Tennessee.



MISS NELLIE L. CLEMMONS.

The subject of the sketch was born in Rives Feb. 25th, 1880, and is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Clemmons. Miss Clemmons is from one of the best families in Obion County, being a granddaughter of the late John F. Clemmons, of Rives, and a niece of Dr. H. N. Sherrill, of Union City.

Being of a lively, sunny disposition, and possessing those traits of character which win the respect and admiration of all who know her, Miss Nellie has many friends and admirers. She received the most of her education in the Rives Graded School, receiving a State diploma in '97. Besides completing the 8th grade, she took two years in Latin, and French literature, General History and Trigonometry. As an evidence of the estimation placed on her both as a lady and a scholar, the directors of the Rives school have elected her assistant teacher for the present school year; a position which, while a responsible one, her friends feel sure she will fill with credit, both to herself and the school. There is a bright future ahead for Miss Nellie, and we feel sure she will realize it.